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Gov. Beshear announces Safe Routes to School funding for Murray

Projects will 'enhance quality of life' for community

FRANKFORT, Ky. – Gov. Steve Beshear today announced \$214,000 in federal Safe Routes to School funding for the city of Murray – an investment aimed at improving pedestrian and bicycle access for students at Calloway County Middle School.

"This investment will enhance the quality of life in Murray," Gov. Beshear said. "Our administration is proud to support the efforts of a progressive community to provide a safe, healthy and attractive environment for its citizens."

The funding will allow for construction of sidewalks near Calloway County Middle School. The sidewalks will provide a safe pedestrian and bicycle route to College Farm Road, which connects to the middle school. The project will also include street signage, bicycle racks and educational materials. Over 120 students live within a two-mile radius.

Safe Routes to School projects are designed to encourage students in kindergarten through eighth grade to walk or ride bicycles to school, increasing their exercise and reducing motor vehicle traffic. The Kentucky Transportation Cabinet administers the program in the commonwealth.

"The citizens of Murray can be proud of their community, and our cabinet is honored to be able to support their efforts in creating a viable travel alternative," said Transportation Secretary Joe Prather.